
Appendix A

Analysis of Scoping Comments

Waw'áalamnima Large Woody Debris Project

Four letters specific to the project were received during the scoping period of December 30, 2014 to January 31, 2015. The disposition of the comments are found in the Table below. The original comment letters are available in the project record.

Table 1: Comment Analysis

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Jim McIver Lewis-Clark ATV Club Inc.	We believe[the project] will benefit fish species.	Thank you for your comment.
Daniel Stewart Idaho Dept. of Env. Quality	Project activities may affect the NP-CW NF's ability to achieve flow based on pollutant allocation reduction associated with Forest land or management activities.	Waw'áalamnima Creek is listed as fully supporting beneficial uses. The Lochsa River is listed for temperature. This project would have no effect or a very slight beneficial effect on temperature in the Lochsa.
	Projects initiated after the establishment of TMDL pollutant load allocations can adversely affect water quality through a reduction in load capacity.	No TMDL has been established for Waw'áalamnima Creek or the Lochsa River.
Gary Mcfarlane Friends of the Clearwater	Use of a helicopter seems very expensive. Are there other ways to place woody debris without use of a helicopter, which has impacts to nearby wildlife and recreationists?	The proposed action was revised in 2016 to exclude the use of helicopters. The project was not rescoped since the potential impacts to the environment from the revised proposed action are expected to be less than the original proposal.
	Rather than logging or thinning in RHCAs, the agency needs to leave these areas along [sic] to develop course woody debris in the future and contribute to future watershed health.	Logging would not occur within RHCAs and thinning is only allowed if it contributes towards improvements in riparian area management objectives. Wood is lacking in this system primarily because of the presence of the road system, which has been determined to be necessary for Forest operations. The purpose of this project is to supplement the deficiency in natural wood loading.

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Jonathan Oppenheimer Idaho Conservation League	We support the Waw'áalamnima Creek Wood Placement project.	Thank you for your comment.
	Because of potential instream impacts however, we encourage the Forest to closely consider the effects and to engage in consultation with NOAA and/or the Fish and Wildlife Service.	Effects on Waw'áalamnima Creek from the project will be analyzed and discussed in the Decision. Consultation with NOAA and/or the Fish and Wildlife Service will be conducted, if necessary, based on the analysis of effects to federally Threatened and Endangered fish and terrestrial species.